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SUBJECT: Dr. Wilhelm HOETTL, Alt Aussee

1. Attached please find complete photostat of an application by HOETTL for a 'mercy amnesty' by President KENNEDY. The application will be sponsored by OeVP. The application gives a 'slightly misleading' impression of HOETTL's former SD activity - especially regarding the years prior to 1938.

2. The cover letter addressed to OeVP Salzburg will be exchanged by another letter, reasoning that OeVP should feel under a moral obligation to support, since HOETTL earned so much publicity by OBERWEISS (the Nazi - OeVP meeting prior to the Austrian elections).

3. As far as can be seen from here, HOETTL definitely is not engaged in any Nazi or neo-Nazi activity, and from his behaviour during the war can be considered eligible for an act of mercy.

4. The enclosures to HOETTL's application are also of interest. Especially those of Wilhelm WANECK (former group chief of office VI, South East Europe), now living at Brenz (Sonthelm) Untere Gasse 167; WANECK's former secretary Elisabeth FRANK (now living in Munich) - according to info received from other sources - is newly engaged in intelligence work in connection with former SD and SS officers, of Walter Graf BERCHER, living at Johannesberg Rheinland (Germany), and of Dr. Karl (von) WINCKLER of Schlading, Dachsteingasse 244.

5. According to so far unconfirmed report HOETTL has taken up a connection with a French officer in Vorarlberg; it seems probable that such connection has an intelligence background, also it is covered by a project for selling HOETTL's book in France.

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